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Berlin, May 2. *N. S.*

THE Kings Departure for Holland is fixt for the 20th Inſtant, tho' ſeveral Officers of the Court have been endeavouring to divert his Majeſty from that Journey: alledging among other Reaſons, the preſent ſtate of his Health, to which the fatiguess of Travelling will be of ill Conſequence, his Majeſty having of late been ſubject to frequent Indiſpoſitions, and of which he is not yet perfectly recover'd. The King made no other Reply to theſe Repreſentations, but that he had taken a Reſolution, which he was not diſpoſed to alter. There being ſome Difficulties between this Court, and that of Hanover, relating to the Ceremonial, his Majeſty will for that reaſon decline going that way in his Journey to the Hague. The Deputies of the Chapter of Hildeſheim are ſtill here, and have omitted nothing that might induce this Court to eſpouſe their Intereſt in oppoſition to the late Proceedings of the Elector of Hanover. They have been very much ſupported in their Negotiations by the Count d'Efferen, the Elector Palatine's Miniſter here, he having receiv'd Orders from his Maſter to that purpoſe, notwithſtanding which it does not appear, that the King is any ways inclin'd in their favour; but on the contrary, they have been adviſed by the Miniſters to comply with the Demands of the Elector of Hanover, who they did not queſtion wou'd recall all his Forces ſo ſoon as he had receiv'd any reaſonable Satisfaction from the Chapter. Monſieur Weſtphal, his Poliſh Majeſty's Reſident, ſet out from hence ſome Days ago, in order to wait on the King his Maſter. Tho' that Miniſter had declared, that the Perſon of Monſieur Mardefeld, who was nominated his Majeſty's Envoy to the Court at Dreſden, wou'd be unacceptable to the King of Poland, it is ſtill thought he will be appointed to that Employment; and that the Objections againſt him will not have that weight with his Poliſh Majeſty with which they were at firſt repreſented.

Hanover, May 8. *N. S.* The firſt Inſtant Monſieur Friſendorf, who has reſided here ſeveral Years in Quality of Envoy from the King of Sweden, ſet out from hence for Stockholm, to take upon him the Office of Privy-Counſellor, to which he has been lately promoted. The Gentleman that ſerv'd him as Secretary during his Reſidence at this Court, is declared his Swediſh Majeſty's Secretary, and is to act here in that Character. An Expreſs from Vienna having been ſent hither with a Notification of the Emperor's Death, the Court went into Mourning the 2d of this Month on that Occaſion. The Death of that Prince has prevented his Electoral Highneſs's Journey to Veyhauſen, where he was to have hunted the Stag, and where every thing was prepared for his Reception. His Czarriſh Majeſty having given his Conſent to the Match between his Son the Prince of Muſcovy and the Princeſs of Wolfembuttel, Siſter to the Queen of Spain, the Nuptials are ſpeedily to be Solemniz'd at Dreſden, whither her Grandfather the Duke of Wolfenbuttel, and his Court, are invited by the King of Poland. The Duke has excuſed himſelf on account of his great Age, as has his Son Prince Lewis by reaſon of his Indiſpoſition, which ſtill continues, but his Princeſs, the Bride's Mother, has promiſed to be preſent at the Wedding. The Biſhop of Munſter's Envoy, Monſieur de Pletenberg, who went through this Place lately in his way to Hildeſheim, is return'd from thence without having been able to perſwade the Chapter to redreſs the Grievances of which the Houſe of Brunſwick have ſo juſtly complained. He propoſeth to ſet out from hence in a few Days, and acquaint his Maſter with the Succeſs of his Negotiations; the Biſhop having appeared very deſirous of being inſtrumental in accommodating the Diſputes in queſtion, and perſwading the Chapter to a reaſonable Compliance. This Obſtinacy has made our Elector reſolve not to recall his Troops quartered in that Biſhoprick and its Dependencies; but continue 'em there 'till the Chapter ſhall think fit to act in Conformity to the ſeveral Treaties they have concluded with him. The Princeſs of Anhalt Deſſau is come hither in her way to Aix la Chapelle. Since her Arrival ſhe has been complimented by a Gentleman in behalf of his Electoral Highneſs, and the Electreſs has ſent to invite her to Court, where ſhe has promiſed to appear this Evening. Upon the Inſtances of Mr. Alais, the Queen of Great Britain's Secretary here, our Elector has been pleaſed to take off the Duty formerly laid on all Foreign Cloth imported into his Dominions.

Cologn, May 10. *N. S.* They write from the Upper Rhine, that they are preparing every thing there for the opening of the Campaign earlier than was at firſt intended; and that the Enemy's Troops in Alſace were in motion. They have ſummon'd a great number of Peaſants, who have Orders to attend their Camp in the nature of Pioneers. It was once thought their Intentions were to lay Siege to Landau; but that Garriſon has lately received a great Reinforcement, and is ſo well provided with all things neceſſary for a Defence, that there is no likelihood the French will undertake any thing on that ſide. The Army of the Empire is forming behind the Lines of Etlingen, and they give out, that it is to be Commanded this Campaign by the Prince of Savoy. All the Forces of the late Emperor, that were garriſon'd at Fribourg, Landau, and other Places on the Danube, have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Charles the Third, King of Spain, as Succeſſor to his Imperial Majeſty in all his Hereditary Dominions. The Elector of Mayence has repreſented by his Miniſter at Ratisbon, the Neceſſity there is of augmenting the Forces on the Upper Rhine, in order to defeat whatever Deſigns the Enemy may have form'd at this Conjuncture. All the Miniſters of the Princes, and Imperial Cities, are at preſent met, and they wait with impatience for Orders from the King of Poland and Elector Palatin, authoriſing a Continuation of the Aſſemblies of the Empire. They write from Berlin, that Monſieur Ilgen was ſet out ſuddenly from that Place; and that it was thought it was in or-

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